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Docket No.

GK-ZEI-3075 / 500343.20068

Applicant(s):

Johannes KNOBLICH

Serial No.:

09/462,961

Group:

2872

Filed:

April 10, 2000

Examiner:

M. Robinson

For:

ILLUMINATION ARRANGEMENT FOR A STEREO MICROSCOPE

Mail Stop AF **Commissioner For Patents** P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office action of March 21, 2003 and the advisory action of August 1, 2003, the Examiner finally rejecting claims 25, 26, 28-32, 36 and 40-46.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- A timely response to the final rejection is attached. 1.
- [X] 2. A Petition for an extension of time to file this Notice, and the fee therefor. for an additional Two Month(s) are attached.

By:

- [X] 3. Fee \$ 320.00 is attached.
- []4. Fee \$ 320.00 charge Deposit Account 50-1529.
- [X] 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

September 18, 2003 DPLforGHK:ram (212) 521-5400 Enclosure:

Fee \$ 320.00

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